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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF CHARITABLE**
4 **DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD**
5 **INVENTORY.**

6 (a) PERMANENT EXTENSION.—Subparagraph (C) of
7 section 170(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
8 is amended by striking clause (iv).

9 (b) DETERMINATION OF BASIS FOR TAXPAYERS
10 OTHER THAN C CORPORATIONS.—Subparagraph (C) of

1 section 170(e)(3) of such Code, as amended by subsection
 2 (a), is amended by adding at the end the following new
 3 clause:

4 “(iv) DETERMINATION OF BASIS FOR
 5 TAXPAYERS OTHER THAN C CORPORA-
 6 TIONS.—If a taxpayer—

7 “(I) does not account for inven-
 8 tories under section 471, and

9 “(II) is not required to capitalize
 10 indirect costs under section 263A,
 11 the taxpayer may elect, solely for purposes
 12 of subparagraph (B), to treat the basis of
 13 any apparently wholesome food as being
 14 equal to 25 percent of the fair market
 15 value of such food.”.

16 (c) DETERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE.—
 17 Subparagraph (C) of section 170(e)(3) of such Code, as
 18 amended by subsections (a) and (b), is amended by adding
 19 at the end the following new clause:

20 “(v) DETERMINATION OF FAIR MAR-
 21 KET VALUE.—In the case of any such con-
 22 tribution of apparently wholesome food
 23 which, solely by reason of internal stand-
 24 ards of the taxpayer, lack of market, or
 25 similar circumstances, or which is pro-

duced by the taxpayer exclusively for the purposes of transferring the food to an organization described in subparagraph (A), cannot or will not be sold, the fair market value of such contribution shall be determined—

“(I) without regard to such internal standards, such lack of market, such circumstances, or such exclusive purpose, and

“(II) by taking into account the price at which the same or substantially the same food items (as to both type and quality) are sold by the taxpayer at the time of the contribution (or, if not so sold at such time, in the recent past).”.

(d) SPECIAL RULE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2009 AND 2010.—Subparagraph (C) of section 170(e)(3) of such Code, as amended by subsections (a), (b), and (c), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(vi) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2009 AND 2010.—In the case of any such contribution during any taxable year beginning in 2009 or 2010, notwithstanding subparagraph

1 (B), the amount of the reduction deter-
2 mined under paragraph (1)(A) shall not
3 exceed the amount by which the fair mar-
4 ket value of the apparently wholesome food
5 exceeds twice the basis of such food.”.

6 (e) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
8 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
9 shall apply to contributions made after the date of
10 the enactment of this Act, in taxable years ending
11 after such date.

12 (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2009 AND 2010.—The
13 amendment made by subsection (d) shall apply to
14 contributions made in taxable years beginning after
15 December 31, 2008.

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